

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Ben Carson
Secretary
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20410

Dear Secretary Carson:


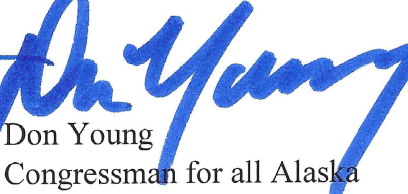
Congratulations on your confirmation as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). We look forward to you visiting our great state.

Earlier this year, Alaska was thrilled to receive the news from HUD that Anchorage, Alaska was one of ten communities across the country chosen for HUD's innovative pilot project – the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP). As such, Covenant House Alaska (CHA) – the lead agency for the YHDP – is hosting a Social Innovation Summit on June 22, 2017 to highlight how Anchorage is coming together to end youth homelessness. National and state leaders in the field of housing, homelessness and youth engagement will be attending. Carlette Mack, CHA's Interim Executive Director, has informed us of her personal invitation to you to be the keynote speaker at this important event. Her letter of invitation is attached.

Anchorage will be serving as a role model for the entire country as it implements the YHDP over the next two years. This could be a great opportunity for you and your HUD team to engage in the unique housing and homelessness issues facing communities like Anchorage. For this reason, we would like to encourage you, in your role as HUD Secretary, to attend this Summit and take the opportunity to see firsthand all the unique challenges rural states like Alaska deal with. We would also encourage you to travel to remote communities during your visit and would be available to help with your itinerary.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to working with you and your department in the coming years as we address the myriad of challenges facing our country.

Sincerely,

 Lisa Murkowski U.S. Senator	 Dan Sullivan U.S. Senator	 Don Young Congressman for all Alaska
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